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XXI. DRAFTING OF A DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANS OF SOCIETY TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

... The Commission considered agenda item 21 at its 63rd and 67th meetings, on 8 and 10 March 1994. 1/

... The Commission had before it the report of the Working Group on its ninth session (E/CN.4/1994/81).

... At the 67th meeting, the Chairman-Rapporteur of the working group to draft a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, Mr. Jan Helgesen, introduced the working group's report (E/CN.4/1994/81) to the Commission.

... In the general debate on item 21, statements were made by the following members of the Commission: Chile (67th), Poland (63rd), United States of America (67th).

... At the 67th meeting, the Commission heard a statement by the observer for Norway (on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden).

... At the 67th meeting, the Commission also heard a statement by the International Association of Educators for World Peace.

... At the 63rd meeting, a joint statement was made by the International Federation of Human Rights on behalf of the following non-governmental organizations: Amnesty International, Baha'i International Community, Human Rights Watch, International Commission of Jurists, International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, International Human Rights Law Group, International Service for Human Rights, Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights.

... At the 67th meeting, the observer for Norway introduced draft resolution E/CN.4/1994/L.89, sponsored by Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic*, Denmark*, Finland, Germany, Iceland*, the Netherlands, Nicaragua*, Norway*, the Philippines*, Poland, Portugal*, Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal*, Sweden*, Switzerland*, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey* and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Belgium, Cameroon, Greece, Nigeria, Tunisia, Slovakia, Ukraine and the United States of America subsequently joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

... The representatives of Norway and the Sudan made statements in connection with the draft resolution.

... In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to an estimate of the administrative and programme budget implications 2/ of the draft resolution.

... The representative of Cuba made a statement before the vote in explanation of his delegation's position.

... The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

... For the text as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1994/96.